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In the April 9, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 as between:

- Group I.** Claims 1-30, drawn to a gas storage and dispensing system, classified in class 96, subclass 8;¹
- Group II.** Claims 31-35, drawn to a hydrogen generation catalyst, classified in class 502, subclass 100; and
- Group III.** Claims 36-47, drawn to a fuel cell, classified in class 429, subclass 31.

Applicants affirms the election of the **Group I claims 1-30**, provisionally made in the May 1, 2006 teleconference of the undersigned attorney with the examiner.

In the April 9, 2007 Office Action, the examiner has further required election from among the following species within Group I:

- Species I(a):** the embodiment of Figure 1;
- Species I(b):** the embodiment of Figure 2;
- Species I(c):** the embodiment of Figure 3A;
- Species I(d):** the embodiment of Figure 4A;
- Species I(e):** the embodiment of Figures 5A, 5B and 5C;
- Species I(f):** the embodiment of Figure 7;
- Species I(g):** the embodiment of Figure 8; and
- Species I(h):** the embodiment of Figure 12.

Applicant hereby elects Species I(f), the embodiment of Figure 7. The claims of the present application readable on such species are claims 1-14 and 16-30.

It therefore it is requested that examination of this application proceed, consistent with the election of claims, and election of species, set forth above.

¹ Although the April 9, 2007 Office Action refers to claims 1-30 as constituting Group I, it is noted that claim 15 was canceled in the August 28, 2006 Amendment responding to the May 26, 2006 Office Action.

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